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State seeks $246M for I-94 job

DOT optimistic U.S. will provide funds for upgrades that will help Foxconn

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Wisconsin officials are moving ahead with aggressive plans to upgrade I-94 south of Milwaukee despite uncertainty over a key source of federal funding for the project.

The improvements, including the addition of an extra lane in both directions of the freeway, took on new urgency this year with Foxconn Technology Group's plans to build a massive electronics plant in the Village of Mount Pleasant, east of the freeway.

State transportation authorities are bullish on their chances for the federal money, especially with a national spotlight on Foxconn and its plans to construct a $10 billion complex that could employ up to 13,000 workers.

"We think that we have a really nice project that fits the requirements of the grant," said Brett Wallace, director of the southeast region of the state Department of Transportation.

DOT officials made a public presentation of the freeway project Thursday at the Mount Pleasant Village Hall that featured plans to convert I-94 from three to four lanes from south of College Ave. in Milwaukee County to state Highway 142 in Kenosha County by December 2021.

The state is pinning its hopes for the expanded freeway and related work on a $246.2 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation that would pay for about half the remaining cost.

But Wisconsin is making a big ask: The state Department of Transportation is seeking one-sixth of $1.5 billion

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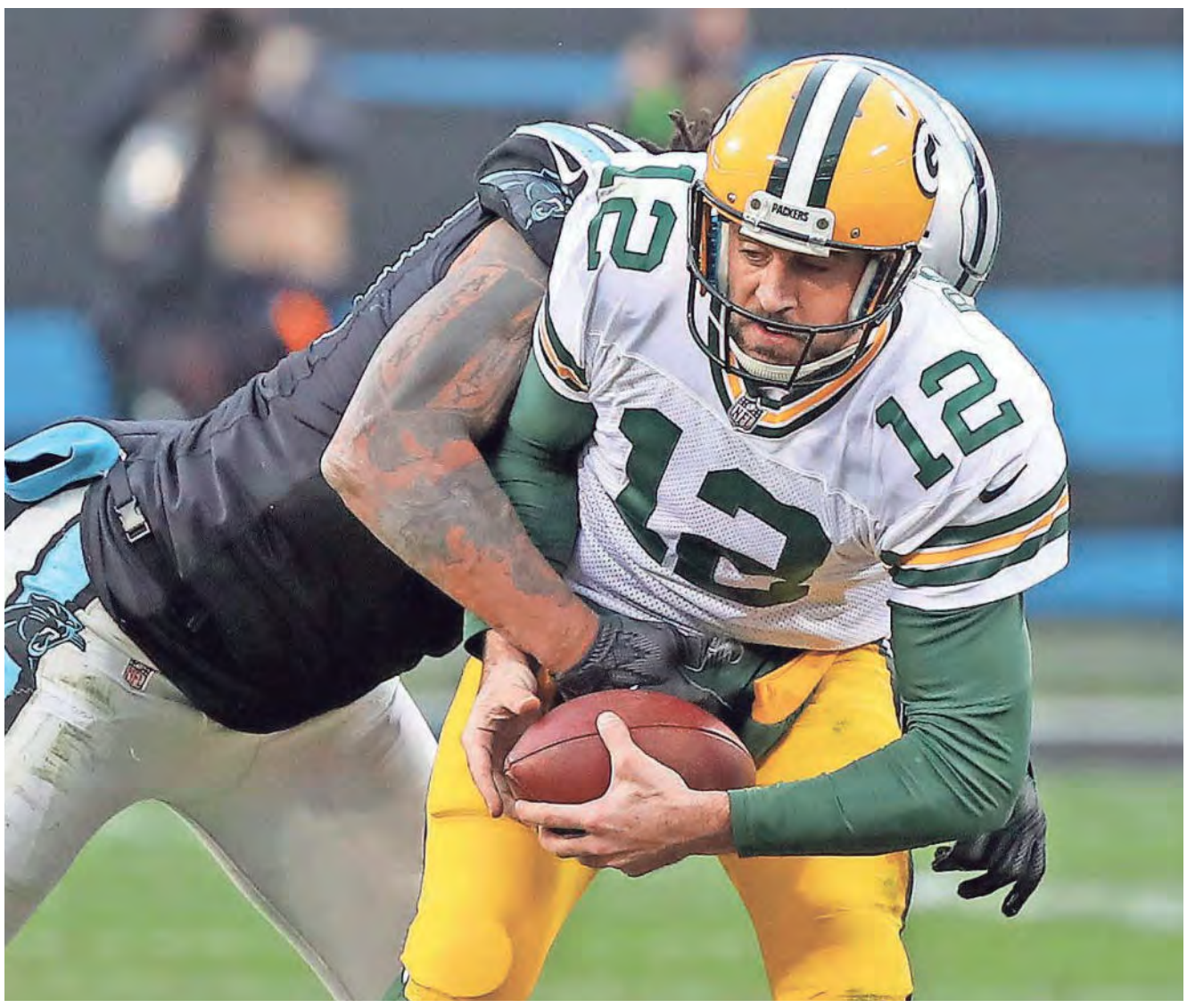

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers is sacked by Carolina Panthers defensive end Julius Peppers on Sunday at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte. JIM MATTHEWS / USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

Rodgers can't save season

Packers' playoff chances virtually nil as QB shows rust in return

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. – As Aaron Rodgers put it, this was not what he envisioned a little more than eight weeks ago while lying in a hospital bed waiting to undergo surgery on his broken right collarbone.

The Green Bay Packers quarterback met his ambitious goal of returning this week with the Packers still very much alive in their quest to qualify for the playoffs for a ninth straight season.

But Rodgers needed to play at, or at least near, an MVP level in a road game against a good Carolina Panthers team in his first game back. And while he had moments of brilliance Sunday, he also showed too much rust on several passes, including three underthrown interceptions, for the Packers to win.

And so the Packers' season all but ended with a 31-24 loss at Bank of America Field. Every year with Rodgers at quarterback is Super Bowl or bust, and now 2017 is bust.

"Obviously, I saw it going a little differently," Rodgers said as he thought back to the day of his surgery. "But I'm proud of our guys for the way they played the last few weeks. Today, disappointed. I didn't play very well. Obviously, I hold myself to a high standard. I expected to play well. It's a good defense but I made too many mistakes. Even still, we had a chance there at the end to come back and tie it."

Now the question is whether Rodgers should play this week against Minnesota, or shut it down for the season. His and coach Mike McCarthy's non-answers after the game sounded to me like they're at least considering sitting him, and really, it's the wise thing to do if they're officially out of the playoffs come Monday night.

The Packers' playoff chances are

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Arrowhead internet policy has students, parents seeing red

Security advocates worry students' personal data could be hacked or sold

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Students and parents at Arrowhead High School are pushing back against a new web-filtering service the school is putting in place, calling it an invasion of privacy and an attempt to micromanage students' lives online.

One of the chief gripes, for the kids at least, is that the parents now can opt to get a weekly accounting of all the websites they visit during the school day. The filters will run not only on all school-owned devices but also student-owned devices if they are connected to the school's Wi-Fi.

But that, experts suggest, might be the least of their worries.

Security and privacy advocates have raised concerns about the capacity of such providers to collect vast amounts of information about students that may be stored for years and could be hacked or co-opted for unintended purposes if not adequately protected.

"Imagine, if we had the internet search histories of a young George Bush or Barack Obama," said Bradley Shear, a Maryland attorney who has launched a national campaign urging schools to annually delete reams of student data, including internet browsing histories, all digital communications and the biometric data — finger and palm prints, for example — some schools are now using to manage their lunch lines, libraries and more.

"This type of information is very valuable — to employers, insurance companies, colleges, law enforcement ... to advertisers," he said.

The Arrowhead controversy erupted this month after school officials announced they would move in January to a new cloud-based system provided by Securly Inc., a 4-year-old San Jose-based company that provides web-filtering and control services to schools and parents.

In addition to blocking inappropriate sites, it said, Securly will monitor students' internet searches and social media posts; flag them for references that suggest such things as drug use, cyberbullying or suicide; and share students' internet browsing histories with parents who want them.

Arrowhead Superintendent Laura

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State hiring of private workers
State taxpayers spent $653 million last year on private workers. **3A**

Fire Mueller? No, Trump says
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